

8 January 1993

Welcome Diplomacy players, and others,

ZAT	Friday, 12 February 1993
Ablepsia:	Spring 1901 Moves
Belfry:	Autumn 1903 Retreats (England) Winter 1903 Builds/Removals
Dracula:	Country Preferences (a priority list) Vote for Characteristic preferences (see rules) Check for Game Fee
Elyse	Autumn 1904 Retreats (Russia, England) Winter 1904 Builds/Removals Spring 1905 Moves
Mr. Natural	Autumn 1902 Retreats (if anyone has any) Winter 1902 Builds/Removals Spring 1903 Moves

GAME OPENINGS: (Game Fees are \$10 per game, a \$2 discount for any MENSAN, plus a \$2 discount for any current batyville gazette player [even if dethroned]; other GM's; one-half plus copies of their zine.)

Regular Diplomacy: for the next Mensa game (#42) sign up with Fred Davis. Mensa 42 will be hosted elsewhere

Currently there are no batyville gazette openings

The controversy, as discussed in the last issue, has continued in the Belfry PRESS. Because Jim Lewis has submitted such extensive press on the topic, I have photocopied his press instead of retyping. In order that all of you may appreciate his comments I have also photocopied the amended orders as submitted by Jim Lewis (11/1). I do not normally publish such player-GM communication, but his extensive press, and questions need to be seen in the fullest possible light. As a GM, I try to take each decision on its own merit. As you can see with the submitted orders, the postcard, dated 11/1, does not indicate that it is a change to a preceding set of orders. I tend to accept amendments to orders when they so state, although I prefer, and my house rules strongly recommend, a complete set when changes are made. I had no reason to suspect that the 11/1 postcard was anything other than a new set of orders. In general, when I adjudicate a set of orders, and I notice no order for a unit, I infer that the author intended the unit to be unordered. I strongly believe that any other assumption will lead to much more trouble. I do not see my task as one to correct mistakes of the authors, especially in the case where an intent is clear (even an intent not intended by the author). Jim's PRESS also references NMR insurance. This feature of the Batyville Gazette is offered to players to cover the possibility of an NMR. This was obviously not the case here, since I had received orders from Italy. NMR insurance is not designed to cover incomplete orders (inadvertant or not) or other kinds of possible errors.

San Diego Gaming events. (Call me for more info if you are interested.)

Phoenix Games at ?????'s	Saturday	13 February 1993	7PM -?
Phoenix Games at Chen's	Saturday	13 March 1993	7PM -?
Phoenix Games at Sue&Gary	Saturday	10 April 1993	7PM -?

Ralph of Batyville

nomenclature:Underlined orders have failed

/NSO/ = No Such Order	/NMR/ = No Moves Received (all units hold)
/NSU/ = No Such Unit	/NBR/ = No Build Received (will play short)
/IMP/ = Impossible order (unit holds)	/NRR/ = No Removal Received (GM must make removal)
/D/(ret) = Unit dislodged (retreat options)	/NOR/ = No Order Received (unit must hold)
/A/= Unit Annihilated - no retreats possible	/AMB/ = Ambiguous order (unit must hold)



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BELFRY (1992 AD) (Fall 1903)

**RUSSIA PUNISHES ENGLAND AS MOSCOW FALLS TO GERMANS!
HAVOC FALLS ON ENGLAND, FRANCE WATCHING THE BACK DOOR!!!
AUSTRIAN EMPORER DETHRONED!!!**

Austria Richard Weiss (dethroned Fall 03)

A Serbia S (Tur F Gre -> Alb) /NSO/

England John Laughlin

A Finland -> Norway

F NorthSea -> Helgoland/D/(ret Edi,Nwg,Ska,OTB)

A Edinburgh -> Yorkshire

F Liverpool -> IrishSea

F EnglishCh -> MidAtlantic

F Sweden -> Denmark

France Ron Welch Jr.

A Belgium Hold

F IrishSea -> EnglishCh

A Brest Gascony

F London S (F Iri -> EngCh)

F MidAtlantic -> Spain(SC)

Germany Robert Cheek

A Holland S (Fr A Belgium)

F Helgoland S (F Den -> NthS)

A Kiel -> Denmark

F Denmark -> NorthSea

A Livonia -> Moscow

A Warsaw S (A Liv -> Mos)

Italy Jonas Johnson (drop S01) Jim Lewis

A Tyrolia -> Vienna

F WesternMed S (En F EngCh -> Mid)

A Trieste -> Serbia

F TyrranianSea -> GulfofLyon

A Venice -> Piedmont

F Ionian -> TyrranianSea

A Budapest S (A Tri -> Ser)

A Piedmont Hold /NSU/

Russia Andrew York

A Finland -> Norway

F GulfofBothnia S (A Mos -> StP)

A Moscow -> StPetersburg

Turkey Mike Burchianti

A Bulgaria -> Rumania

F Sevastopol -> BlackSea

A Rumania -> Galacia

F Greece Holds

A Armenia -> Sevastopol

A Constantin -> Bulgaria

Austria: Serbia

England: Edinburg, ~~London~~, Liverpool, ~~Norway~~, Sweden, ~~StPetersburg~~

France: Paris, Brest, Marseilles, Portugal, Spain, LONDON, BELGIUM

Germany: Berlin, Kiel, Munich, Denmark, Holland, ~~Belgium~~, WARSAW, MOSCOW

Italy: Venice, Naples, Rome, Trieste, Budapest, Vienna, Tunis, SERBIA

Russia: ~~Moscow~~, ~~Warsaw~~, ~~Rumania~~, NORWAY, StPETERSBURG

Turkey: Smyrna, Ankara, Constantinople, Bulgaria, Sevastopol, Greece, RUMANIA

GAME SUMMARY (Belfry)

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
A	3	1	0	out			
E	4	6	3	Remove 3, or Remove 2 and Retreat 1 OTB			
F	5	5	7	Build 2			
G	6	6	7	Build 1			
I	4	7	8	Build 1			
R	6	3	2	Remove 1			
T	3	6	7	Build 1			

PRESS Belfry: (see page 4)

Belfry Map: (see page 8)

PRESS Belfry:

Batyville: Note, we finally received our Boardman number.

Batyville: Note, impending change of address for Mike.

Batyville: Note extensive comments from Italy on the green sheets.

France -> World: We condemn the decision by Italy to violate the sacred neutral zones established after several years of negotiation. We call upon the world (and the GM) to impose sanctions upon the offending party. Perhaps no builds until 1970? You have the power, Ralph!

Batyville: We weren't a party to those negotiations. (Besides, after all the fuss from Italy in the green pages w.r.t. my decision on his failing to order a unit, I'd hate to see the response to such a sanction)

Germany -> GM: ...And I thought Germany would be boring.

Batyville: Nah, I've never thought so, I have lived there four years of my life.

Germany -> Turkey: Italy made me an offer I couldn't refuse! (or did he?)

Batyville: It looks like he made one to Turkey also!

Germany -> Italy: Resisting temptation builds character!

Batyville: So does screwing up ones orders, and such a character!

Germany -> Russia: As God (Ralph B) is my witness I'll never be hungary again!

Batyville: Not you too!

Germany -> England: Wouldn't need a new Royal Family would you?

Batyville: No, just a Royal Shaft.

Germany -> Austria: Live long and survive!

Batyville: Wreathes accepted at the Cathedral in Belgrade.

Germany -> France: I hope this will meet your approval.

France -> Germany: Thanks for the help.

Batyville: Watch that back scratching!

Germany -> GM: I dare England to write more press than this!

Batyville: I don't!

Mensa 37 'ELYSE' (1991 AP) (Fall 1904)**FROGGIES INVADE WHILE THE KING SLEEPS!****THE LAST RUSSIAN FALLS TO THE TURKS!!!!!!?****Austria** Jim Lewis

A Tyrolia	S (A Boh -. Mun)	F Adriatic	-> Apulia
A Venice	S (Fr A Mar -> Pie)	A Warsaw	-> Prussia
A Serbia	Hold	A Bohemia	-> Munich
A Galacia	-> Silesia		

England Eric Young NMR -- All units hold

F NorthSea	->	F Skageraak	->
F Sweden	->	F NorwegianSea	->
		F London	-> /D/ (ret Yor,OTB)

France Ken Henke

A Marseilles	-> Piedmont	F EnglishCh	S (A Wal -> Lon)
A Wales	-> London	F IrishSea	-> Liverpool
A Belgium	S (Gr A Hol -> Ruhr)/NSO/		

Germany Victor Stevko (drop S03) Adrian Tymes

A Berlin	S (A Munich)	F Denmark	S (Fr F Eng->Nth)/NSO/
A Holland	Hold	F Kiel	S (F Denmark)
A Munich	S (A Berlin)		

Italy David Lankford (drop F02) ~~Jim Loughran~~ (drop S03) William Scharf

A Piedmont	-> Marseilles	F GulfLyon	S (A Pie -> Mars)
A Apulia	-> Rome		

Russia Robert Strumwasser (drop F02) Andrew York (dethroned Fall 1904)

A StPetersburg	S (Au A War -> Mos)/NSO/	/D/ (ret Fin,Nor,OTB)
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Turkey Jim Grose

A Livonia	-> StPetersburg	F Bulgaria(E.C.)	-> Rumania
A Moscow	S (A Liv -> StP)	F Tunis	-> NorthAfrica
A Ukraine	S (A Moscow)	F AegeanSea	-> IonianSea
		F IonianSea	-> Tunis

Austria: Trieste, Budapest, Vienna, Serbia, Greece, Venice, Warsaw

England: Edinburg, ~~London~~, ~~Liverpool~~, Norway?, Sweden

France: Paris, Brest, Marseilles, Portugal, Spain, Belgium, LONDON, LIVERPOOL

Germany: Berlin, Kiel, Munich, Denmark, Holland

Italy: Naples, Rome, ~~Tunis~~Russia: ~~St.Petersburg~~, Norway?

Turkey: Smyrna, Ankara, Constantinople, Bulgaria, Rumania, Sevastopol, Moscow, TUNIS, St.PETERSBURG

GAME SUMMARY (Belfry)

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
A	5	6	7	7	no	change	
E	5	5	5	3 or 2	remove 2 or 3	(depending on Ru retreat)	
F	5	5	6	8	build 2		
G	5	5	5	5	no	change	
I	3	3	3	2	remove 1		
R	6	3	1	0 or 1	out or no	change (depending on Ru retreat)	
T	4	7	7	9	build 2		

PRESS Elyse: (see page 6)**Elyse Map:** (see page 8)

PRESS Elyse:

Batyville: I am going to assume that the Eric Young NMR was just a phenomena of the holidays and the postal dis-service. But, if I do not hear from Eric soon, I will seek a replacement, and perhaps delay the game.

Germany - > World: Sorry I've not been able to respond to any of your letters this turn...with the holidays & finals, I barely had time to mail this letter [[the set of orders - GM]] in time (although I did read all of your letters).

Batyville: ...and barely in time, at that.

Germany - > England: I'd like to see you get past Denmark before T/A starts harrasing you!

Batyville: Too Late.

Germany - > Turkey: I'd mail you directly, but I can't find any stamps for Candian mail...even at the local post office. Thus, the indirect communications.

Batyville: Very indirect.

Russia- > World: Is this the last hurrah?

Batyville: Perhaps.

(Istanbul): The Sultan sent an inquiry to his civil service and the response was as expected. The amount of correspondence with Austria-Hungary has been greater than with all other countries combined!

Turkey - > Batyville: ain't ya neverr tooken speling 'n skool?

Batyville: Nah, it twas my wurst subjc. (I get your point, and will try better, sometimes, when I rush, I do not check very well.)

GAME STARTS

Mensa #41

ABLEPSIA

Everyone is now paid up, the game can start. This letter is going to you, the players, a bit in advance of the *batyville gazette* in order for you to have more time for initial negotiations. Incidentally, four persons received their 'first' choice. Ties for country preferences were decided by a die roll, my wife performing the honors.

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(default orders for Germany and Turkey on hand)

This gamestart announcement also went to Fred Davis, the Mensa Sig coordinator, and to Gary Behnen whom I understand to be the BNC. At least he is the one I wrote to in July with my last gamestart (reply received in December).

Character Diplomacy (Batyville Version)DRACULA

Special: Cost for this experimental game is one-half (but I will expect an end game report before I submit the game to the variant bank.)

I have just gotten off the phone, (finding the seventh player for this game). We can now begin. I hope the four of you who have been on the sign-up list for so long still want to play. I suggest that we announce the game start, with country assignments in the January *batyville gazette*. If all of you get your checks, votes and country preferences to me by that time we will start Winter 1900 then. Since some of you have been waiting so long for this game to start, I would like to begin as soon as possible.

PLAYERS

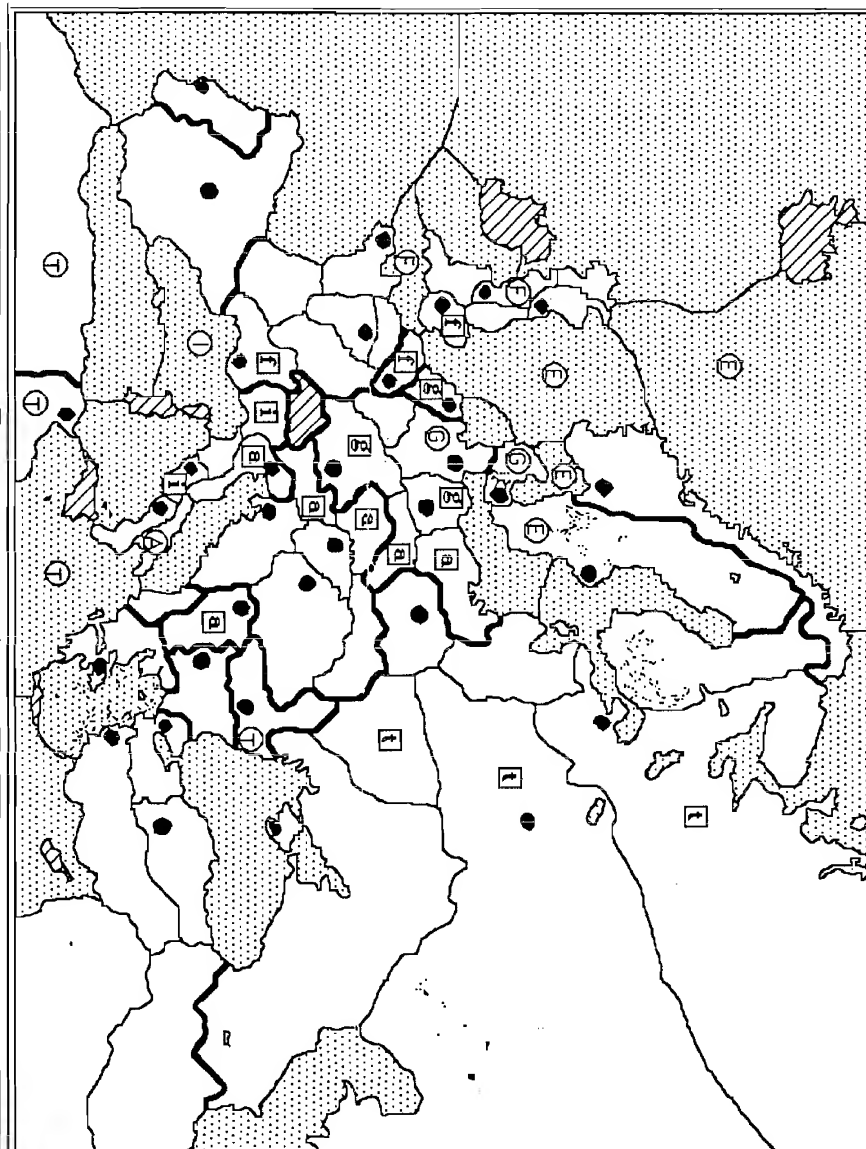
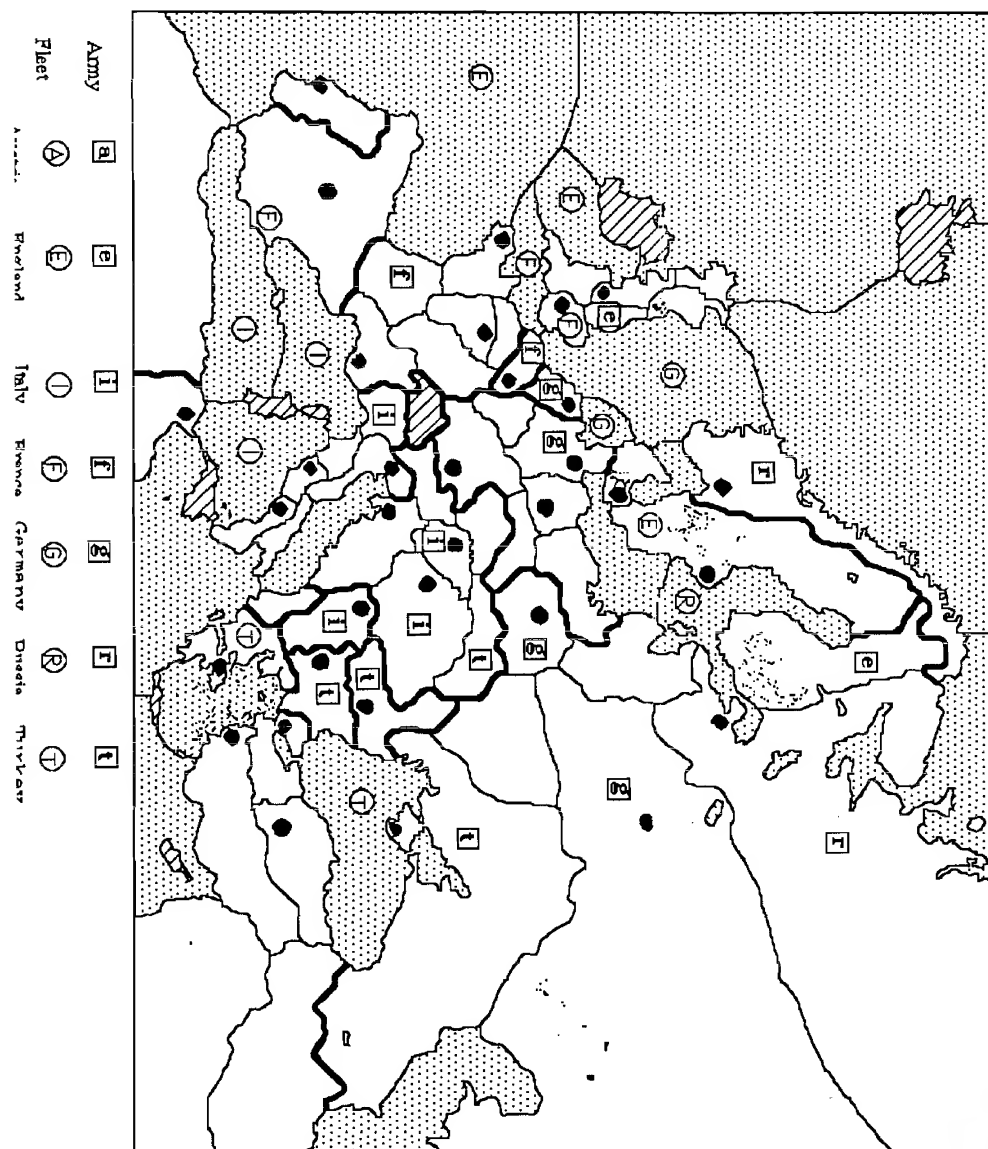
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* I have vote, check, and preferences (or equivalent)

Jeff and Ron please respond soon. We can start the game by flyer for the Winter 1900 builds with the same Feb ZAT as other games here.

Belfry (1992AD)

Mensa 37 Elyse (1991 AP)



Belfry - Spring 1903

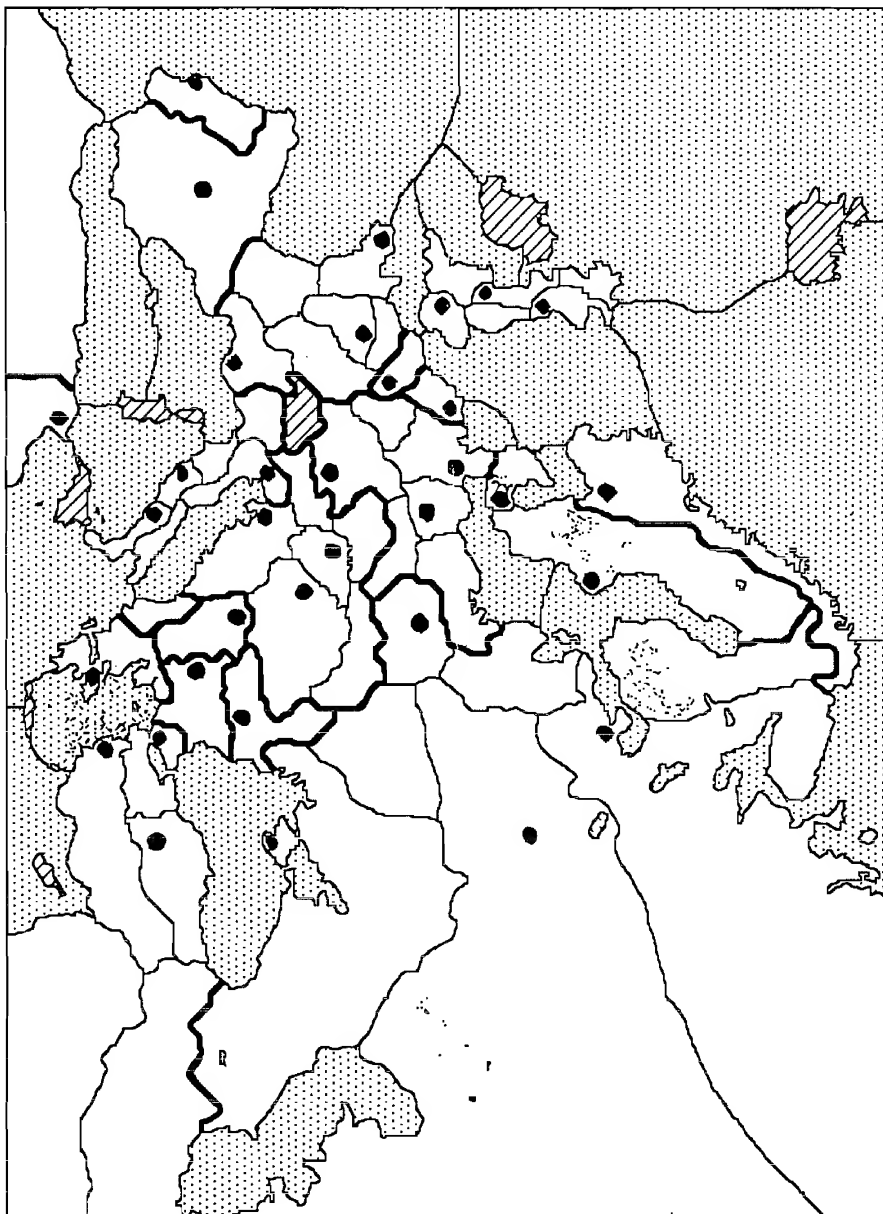
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Elyse - Spring 1904

Retreats: (En F Lon, Ru A St)

Mr. Natural

Armies in lowercase, Fleets in UPPERCASE, Countries As, Ae, Ff, Gg, Ii, Rr, Tt



Fog of War

"Mr. Natural"

PRESS: Fall 1902

France -> All: You're being much too quiet. Just because it's Fog doesn't mean you have to play this Gunboat.

Batyville: Let us hope it is just the Holidays.

France -> Germany: You have your own problems. Why would you be keen to make it worse?

Batyville: What do you know of his problems?

France -> Russia: I like the old Tsar better. He might have said the wrong things, but at least he spoke.

Batyville: Thanks! ... I think?

France -> England: If you don't take chances, what's the point?

Batyville: Go ahead, roll those dice!

France -> Italy: Are you in or out now?

Batyville: That is for him to know, and you to find out

France -> Austria: Rumor has it that you are being pushed around. Are you pushing back?

Batyville: Only his games master knows for sure!

Turkey -> Russia: Your predecessor was older and wiser. Please move your rump elsewhere.

Batyville: If he doesn't, are you going to roast it?

Germany -> World: Sorry I've not been able to respond to any of your letters this turn ... with the holidays & finals, I barely had time to mail this letter [[his orders -- GM]] in time (although I did read all of your letters).

Batyville: How come everyone writes to Germany, and no one writes to France? What are you saying to them Phil? Perhaps you should take notes from Adrian, it seems no response generates more letters.

Batyville: Note the COA for Mike.

NOTES:

12/15/12

Re: BELFRY (1992 ??) Spring 1903 Adjudication
corrections fall 1903 press Italy Batyville Gazette

BELFRY PRESS BATYVILLE GAZETTE DIPLOMACY GAME # (1992 ??)

Italy-WORLD Is there an identity crisis in Batyville? You all know: A is A, B is B, i.e.; Aristotle's law of identity: a thing is what it is. Conversely, A is NOT B. No ambiguity here. Once the GM has received a unit's order, that's it. You can not controvert received is received, (A is A). No Diplomacy apriorism allows the GM to expunge a received unit's order. No ambiguity here. Not repeating a unit's order does NOT default to NOR (NO ORDER RECEIVED) nor is it tantamount to NOR; there's no such Diplomacy devolution. Repeating a unit's order, or NOT, does not change it's identity. No ambiguity here. Although repetition may be a convenience for the GM, however desirable, it's nothing more, and has no Diplomacy significance. No ambiguity here. It's Diplomacy untenable for the GM to later transform a unit's order to NOR for that reason. Yes, the unit's order for ARMY (VENICE) was admittedly RECEIVED by the GM, and the GM knows it's identity. Therefore, the GM must fulfill his GM responsibility and adjudicate that order. No ambiguity here. VOX POPULI ?

Italy-GM May I say politely, it's a Diplomacy game adjudication correction that is being sought; NOT a reconsideration.

Dip players do expect that ALL Diplomacy oral and written communication to the GM, INCLUSIVELY, is part of the Diplomacy by mail game. It is also expected that ALL UNIT'S valid orders should be adjudicated and that ALL valid press should be published. That is what a Diplomacy GM does. Repetition is not a Diplomacy tenet. No ambiguity here. I did not start this season with "2nd Spring Order". The GM must start each season from the beginning. Each of Italy's 7 unit's orders was sent in earlier, as you had recommended; and only 3 of these unit's orders were amended, later. That means that ALL of the other 4 unit's orders remained as first ordered. There is NO other Diplomacy alternative. No ambiguity here. If, in the complete set of communications, you find the order for the unit A(VEN) (even one time), Diplomacy requires that you adjudicate that unit's order. Please take the unambiguous action of adjudicating that order. No ambiguity here.

NOTE: You have clearly indicated in BG #25 that, in Batyville, you have NOT invalidated ANY unit's order for deficiencies in formalities that you have suggested or recommended: usual or unusual. So, there is no problem here.

Italy-WORLD AMENDING ORDERS Orders are given and amended UNIT by UNIT. This disjunction is the primary tenet of Diplomacy: i.e., no significance to "order sets". The identity of a unit's order can be changed ONLY by amending THAT unit's order. Conversely, if a unit's order is NOT amended, it is still that unit's order. A unit's order RECEIVED only ONE TIME, prima facie, means NOT amended. No ambiguity here. A unit's order received CANNOT Diplomacy devolve to a unit's order not received (NOR). A is A. A can not be B. Therefore, not repeating a received order has no other implied or imputed Diplomacy meaning to be interpreted or conjectured by the GM. Nothing said, nothing changed. No ambiguity here. Likewise, the GM's burden, suggestions, preferences; or the computer is not on today; whatever stricture; does not amend or expunge a dip player's unit's order. No ambiguity here. The unit's order A (VEN) was RECEIVED, was NOT amended, and is still the unit A (VEN)'s order, and should be correctly adjudicate by the GM. No ambiguity here. VOX POPULI ?

Italy-GM ADJUDICATION CORRECTIONS: F Irish Sea --> English Ch and A Budapest --> Serbia, do not succeed because of conflict; and

A (VENICE) Hold /NOR/ is not the unit's order received by the GM from Italy. You have in your possession the valid order for the unit A (VENICE). That unit's order was NOT amended. That unit's order has yet to be adjudicated. No ambiguity here. Please make ALL adjudication corrections.

Re: BELFRY (1992 ??) Spring 1903 Adjudication
corrections fall 1903 press Italy Batyville Gazette

Italy-AUSTRIA I don't know how in Batyville, press to Russia could have amended press to Austria or expunged press to Austria from the game (although it was different); but this press DID include accolades to Austria, as promised.

Italy-GM May I REFRESH your Batyville memory: you have referred back to previous communications when YOU needed to. Refer to BG #24, PAGE #4, "Batyville->Italy "I decided to stick with your post cards". Please publish the press you have received for "Italy to Austria". No ambiguity here.

Italy-WORLD NOR (NO ORDER RECEIVED) or NMR (NO MOVE RECEIVED) in Diplomacy means that the GM, ACTUALLY, did NOT receive a unit's order. NOR is NOR. No ambiguity here. But, in Batyville, does that mean a unit does not move because the GM did not receive the unit's order? Well, BG #19, Belfry, NMR produced 3 unit's default orders from "a room full of monkey's". BG #25, 'ELYSE', NMR created "NMR insurance!!!" for 5 units, when THE player called the GM. Can it be, that in Batyville, sending in no unit's orders works out better than sending in unit's orders early? Ambiguity here!

Italy-GM LAST RESORT For the same "Batyville reasoning", why not NOR insurance!!! for Italy's one unit? I was on the phone twice; the first time to CONFIRM that you had ALL Italy unit's orders. (You confirmed that you did.) At that time, you created NMR insurance for the other dip player, but not for me. The second call, still before publication, you mentioned it not at all. Why do I sense duplicity here? Ambiguity here!

Italy-WORLD Vox populi ?

Italy- GM But, a final stab: to REFRESH your Batyville memory, YOU had agreed, that, because I had come into the BELFRY dip game, by your invitation, the second season, and I had dutifully submitted standby orders as you had requested, and I did not then (or ever) receive the "Batyville House Rules" (and even after, or notwithstanding , your fluster with Aristotlean logic); YOU would reluctantly accept my side of this controversy. Please do.

Italy-WORLD Where's the ambiguity? What do you think? Vox populi ?

Italy -GM P.S. Please send the "Batyville House Rules".
P.P.S. GM error happens! GM error corrections happen TOO.

Ladies & Gentlemen (if any exist in Diplomacy-dom), Here is a copy of Jim's orders which caused his "problem". I see on it That These are changes from a previous set as opposed to an amended set of orders. Six (6) of his seven units were ordered here. I have not included The previous set since (a) There is no room, and (b) The 3 "changed" orders may adversely affect The game. By The way, These orders are clear, al Though not well written by Batyville - Gazette Standards (see House Rules).

1/4 press
2nd Spring Order
1903 Italy
F(TEN) WME
F(ROM) TEN
F(MAP) ION
A(VIE) TREST
A(BUD) SEPARA
A(TEN) S(A)(VIE) TREST
Press
Italy - Russia - thank you
For all your help and advice!
Diplomatically
Jim of Italy